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OLD-TIME WONDER WAS HENRY REITZ

FAMOUS IN EARLY YEARS AS BATTERY MAN AND SECOND SACKER

Henry Reitz, killed in an automobile accident at Sacramento, Cal., was one of the finest second basemen of twenty years ago, although the land was full of wonderful second sackers at the time. He was one of the big stars of the champion Baltimore, and his major league career, though brief, was highly creditable. Reitz, though a German, he pronounced it "Reetz," started in the famous city league of Chicago, and was a reversible battery man, pitching or catching with equal skill. When his team played double headers Reitz would pitch one game and catch the other, but, at that time, showed no signs of the infidelity class that made him a topnotcher later on. In 1890 Reitz broke in with the Sacramento team of the coast league, and soon turned his attention to infield play. Going east, he attracted much attention by his work at Rochester, and was taken on by Baltimore, where he became a fixture in the hustling Oriole team. Henry played four years at Baltimore, then his all round speed seemed to fail and he was soon forced from the game. In those days players did not get such salaries as now, nor did they have much. Reitz, returning to Chicago, resumed his life just where he left off to play ball, but going back to the machine shop where he worked when a semi-pro. Reitz's brief stay in California endeared him with that country and he often declared his intention of some day going to the coast to remain for the balance of his life. He finally got the chance to go to Sacramento, and met his death in the very city where first played professional ball.

INTERNAL TROUBLE IN MACK'S RANKS

CLAIMED DISCUSSION AMONG PLAYERS LED CONNIE TO MAKE CHANGES

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Connie Mack is face to face with a tough problem to keep his Athletics in the running for another pennant next season. If baseball gossip is to be believed, dissension has broken out in the ranks of the stars, and it may be necessary for Mack to dispose of all of his great ball players before the trouble is rooted out. Old age and overconfidence generally destroy the championship ball team, but dissension seems to be the big cause of the breaking up of the grand combination that led the American league for several years.

Age has not caused any of the members of the team to be dropped from the list, but dissatisfaction is behind the efforts of Manager Mack to get rid of Plank, Bender and Oldring, the first batch of players to be offered for trade or sale. Plank is near the age limit, but his days of usefulness are not over for a team such as the Athletics, if the other reasons were not prominent. Bender certainly is not played out as a pitcher, and if it were not for other causes he would undoubtedly be kept by Connie Mack for two or three years more.

Oldring Still Useful

Rube Oldring is quite a young player as far as age is concerned, but his playing ability has been seriously hampered. Now comes the rumor that the big trouble in the

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"Fruit-a-tives" Cured Paralyzed Bowels and Digestion

ST. BONIFACE DE SHAWINIGAN, QUE., Feb. 3rd, 1914.

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MAGLOIRE PAQUIN
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ran s of the Athletic players is between two factions headed by Ira Thomas and Eddie Collins. Thomas has been very close to Manager Mack for several years, and his influence with the leader has been a little too great to please the other members of the team. Eddie Collins has also been close to his manager, but the methods of Thomas evidently have been objectionable to some of the players who have sided with Collins.

The fact that Collins has used much inside information in writing his newspaper articles has caused the Thomas faction to oppose him. The fight between Thomas and Collins dates back to last spring when the big catcher was elected captain over the star second sacker. From that time on the feeling of antipathy has grown until it is now an open rupture.

Connie Mack is puzzled over the problem of getting rid of the trouble, for it means that he will have to release one or the other of his star men in order to viree the team of the internal feud, says George C. Rice.

Another problem causing Mack considerable worry is the high salaries of the men. The fact that the Philadelphia team did not make money last season is well known and it will be necessary to cut down the expenses for next year in order to get on a basis that will permit the club to break even now that the team is no longer a world's championship outfit.

The question is how to cut down the salaries of the players without driving them to the Federal league. The prospects for another championship team in Philadelphia for next season is decidedly bad. In one way it will be a good thing for the American league as a whole to have a change in championship, but it will be a bad thing for the city of Philadelphia.

The Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators are the teams that now seem to have the best chances next year. The Red Sox will be the favorites with most of the dopesters this winter because of their aggressive showing last year and especially toward the close of the season. Owner Lannin of the Sox is a popular magnate, even though he is one of the youngsters in the game, and his team would be a popular winner. Griffith has grown in favor in the last two years because of his good showing in Washington, but his outfit is not as strong as that of Boston.

PIRATES WELL SUPPLIED

The Pittsburgh club will have something like 25 players to dispose of during the spring.

There are now nearly 50 men on the roster, and as no more than 25 will be carried during the championship season, it can readily be seen that there will be a busy time in store for Manager Clarke and Pres. Dreyfuss.

The Pittsburgh management is after one or two stars—and if these stars can be secured through trades, they will join the Pirates. Clarke will have splendid trading material and will be able to make attractive offers to those managers with whom he wishes to deal.

BOWLING NOTES

Winnipeg Bowlers here Dec. 26th

What should prove a great attraction for lovers of sport is billed for Brandon on Dec. 26, the day following Christmas, when two picked teams will stack up against ten men from the local league. Arrangements were first made for the visitors to play here Christmas day, but they found they were unable to get away but have finally decided on Saturday the 26th.

Winnipeg has an excellent commercial league almost on a par with her city league in fact, quite a number of city leaguers are bowling in the commercial formation. That they will come up here strong, there is little doubt, and fans should get a real treat in the way of classy bowling. The first ten men in the average are the men to make the trip and as they run from 189 to 178, will they be a hard bunch to beat.

Just who the local team will be has not as yet been decided. An executive meeting will be held next Tuesday evening when all arrangements will be made for entertaining the visitors as the local management are promising the Winnipeg clubs, a royal time.

At present it is planned to roll doubles and singles in the afternoon commencing at two o'clock, with the two team matches in the evening starting at 8 o'clock. The management of the alleys are to arrange to accommodate the large crowd who are expected to be present, so that all lovers of the ten-pin game should be on hand for the matches as they promise to be exciting to say the least.

Commercial League
There was no game in the commercial league, the lumbermen, Y.M.C.A. game being postponed until Monday next. Tonight, the city service and C.P.R. bowl off their last games of the first part of the schedule.

MEETING AT ALEXANDRA

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in a less courteous form of government and the installation of a manager system. He mentioned the fact that he had taken the position of registrar of alien enemies, but informed the electors that he had consulted his solicitor who said there was no obstacle to his office of alderman, so that if they desired him as their representative there was nothing to deter him. He mentioned his efforts in connection with Ald. Evans in securing the prisoners of war for Brandon, knowing that a circulation of money would follow and allowing that he would stand corrected if he made a misstatement, and he averred that while Mr. Evans and himself were working as hard as possible in Winnipeg to secure the prisoners of war and the soldiers that would be assembled here, he understood Mr. Gibson was then appearing before the Fair Board and opposing this plan. He closed by allowing the audience to review his work and judge if he should be continued in office.

Gibson Wanted the Troops

J. S. Gibson, being the next speaker, immediately replied to Mr. Bourke's assertions concerning the "interior" and agreed that he had said that if Regina and Saskatoon wanted the internees he advised that they should have them. Mr. Gibson said he had wanted the soldiers, but had not wanted the prisoners and if this was to be counted against him he would have to lose that vote.

"I recognize that it is not always possible for an Alderman to carry out every proposition that he submits to the Council. Oftentimes a majority might be opposed to what an Alderman may advocate, but if he does his best in advocating any particular course and is defeated his duty becomes clear—not to threaten to resign and sulk, but to try to bounden duty to join with the majority in an endeavor to carry out as far as possible the policy decided upon by the council."

Now, Mr. Chairman, this has not been the attitude of my opponent, Alderman Bourke, and I want to refer to his record, especially that pertaining to the Police Department. I hold, and I think you will agree with me that Mr. Bourke has been most persistent in demanding the most extravagant scheme of police

protection for a city of our size that is known in Canada. During his first year he was instrumental in inaugurating a system of police protection that every citizen regarded as extravagant and ridiculous. A chief of police was secured whose ideas were even more extravagant than the chairman of the police committee. Mr. Bourke yielded to the hypnotic influence of that gentleman and was prepared to let the limit, when public sentiment became aroused against such a police service and the council undertook to reduce the cost—where was Mr. Bourke?—He fought the reduction in the force and even contended that it should be increased.

"When things got too hot for his friend, Chief Berry, and he thought it wise to sever their connection with Brandon—and the force was reorganized on a more sensible basis, Mr. Bourke acted like a sulky boy, resigned the chairmanship and has continued to belittle the present police service. He has taken care that his remarks were reported in the press and as far as he was concerned he was determined to give the impression to the public that our police force was incapable. By his conduct he advertised to the world that crooks and pickpockets would be safe in coming to Brandon as the police force were a lot of dubs."

Have a Capable Force

"Now, Mr. Chairman, I believe we have an honest and capable police force, large enough for our city, and if you will elect me I will promise you that I will co-operate with the police force and assist them in every way in maintaining a high standard of efficiency at a cost that the City can afford to pay. Those of us who thought Chief Berry was a grandstand artist were not very far astray."

Judge Farrell to whom charges were laid against Berry at Regina, are investigated and gave judgment that "branded Berry as unfit for a police official."

"Our City is being policed at much less cost and I am satisfied that we have a more effective service than we had under Mr. Bourke's chairmanship. In any case you will agree with me that it was not only bad judgment but bad taste for an Alderman to be continually belittling his police force. His duty is to stand behind them and assist them, that will be my policy and I will guarantee to see that every man does his duty."

"Our taxes have now reached a point where the municipality economy must be practiced and if elected I will undertake to do my best to keep the expenditure down to the lowest point consistent with the requirements of the City in the way of extension of water service, sewers, walks, etc."

"I will endeavor to see that the City gets full value for every dollar spent. My years of residence among you and my record as a citizen is before you, and if entrusted with your confidence I hope you will have cause to regret it. I appeal for your support."

Morris for Workingmen

Chairman Middleton had to plead ignorance concerning the identity of Mr. Morris, but this young man was given a cordial reception as he came forward to the platform. He claimed that he appeared in an unique capacity inasmuch as no workingman had ever appeared as a candidate from ward 5. He would only speak for the workingman and taking this standpoint he claimed that the working classes were laboring under excessive taxation. He favored, for the future, an income tax on salaries over \$1,000 a year. He believed the workers in suburbs should be considered and believed that street car fares should be lowered to the extent of ten or twelve tickets for 25 cents.

He appealed to the electors of ward 5 to name a man who has the interests of the workingmen. He said they are mostly men in the council. Most of them are interested in Rosser Avenue, he stated, and have power to adjust taxes almost to suit themselves and at the expense of the small property owners. He believed that cheaper light and power could be produced and cited cases of cities that have gone ahead by leaps and bounds where cheap electricity has been furnished. "We won't get cheaper light here until we get after it," he said. He reminded his hearers that he was president of the Labor Council four years ago so that some people ought to know him and claiming that the council had never had a workingman as a member, thought it was now time there should be one.

Ald. Bourke Speaks Again

Ald. Bourke in rebuttal replied largely to Mr. Gibson, and said, "if we didn't have the prisoners of war here, we would not have got the soldiers and he was acquainted with this fact when he was in Winnipeg. The government made this a mobilization centre because the prisoners were here. In regard to the statements concerning the police as made by Mr.

Gibson they were wrong," the speaker claimed. "I'll give you the Regina papers," some one in the audience interposed, but Mr. Bourke said he had read them. Mr. Bourke went on to say that he had nothing to do with the police force when Berry was hired. Ald. Bourke claimed that he respected Chief Eslemont as a man but not as an efficient officer. He was responsible for the efficiency of the police department he would not accept the responsibilities under such conditions and in presenting his resignation it was he who asked that Ald. Trotter be placed at the head of the committee. He said that taxes could not be reduced in Brandon in a year or two, though there was one opportunity to do this and that was to secure the consent of the municipality of Cornwallis for Brandon to take over contiguous territory that is subdivided and for which taxes are being paid to Cornwallis.

School Trustees Clash

It was learned through Dr. Beer that John R. Little had been called to Winnipeg and it was desired that someone should speak in his behalf. Mr. Shewan was mentioned but J. S. Maxwell gave the information that Mr. Shewan was present to speak for Mr. McDonald and it was hardly fair for him to be spokesman for two. There were a number of suggestions which no one met and D. Sherriff was called upon and gave a summary of the accomplishments that had been brought about during his term of office.

Mr. McChesney next spoke and made statements that were not accepted by Mr. Creighton, the latter followed him. Mr. McChesney's accusation about the cost of the Fleming School was the bone of contention and said it had cost more than it should have done. "He had given four years' service on the school board," he said, "and never had a complaint." He spoke of his interest and efforts for all children and as he was leaving the platform Mr. Creighton asked him if he could build the West End school cheaper. Mr. Creighton went on and said the schools mentioned were not the same kind and Mr. McChesney retorted, "there were a few fancy bricks on the outside of the West End one" which drew forth considerable laughter.

School on the Flats

Mr. Patmore injected a desire for economy and asked if a school on the Flats, costing \$3000 would accommodate 62 pupils, how many would a forty-six thousand dollar one hold. Mr. Creighton asked for permission to put things before the electors in their proper light. He said that the Fleming School was to have six rooms, but a partition had been left out at present in the auditorium. He also said that it was absolutely fireproof, while the King George is only partly so. He noted that the Central School is not fireproof and thought that any money spent for a safe building was justifiable. "The Flats," he said, "was a makeshift," while Mr. Patmore asked if the school was only intended for forty. Mr. Creighton said, "what can you do when they keep coming. They seem to manufacture children quickly there." Mr. Creighton offered other defenses for the school board and though Mr. McChesney endeavored to float more questions the chairman declared the school trustees' time was closed.

A Shewan's Fine Appeal

A. Shewan, making an apology for Mr. McDonald, detained on account of business, said, "he had no apology in appearing before the ratepayers of ward 5 and discussing the tax rate of 26 1/2 mills. In the last fifteen years," he said, "there had been improvements in business and corporation conduct, but no improvement in municipal government." He regretted a measure that had been introduced to the council by Ald. Bourke and Ald. Shillinglaw to consider a manager of the city had not been considered. The ward system and the commission system have failed. He recounted the management of the city of Westmont, whose affairs he knew first hand, and also cited other progressive cities and had been enforced in cities and managers. He made numerous assaults upon the manner in which expenses had been incurred in this city and contended that he blamed no man but the system. He brought up an operation of the Board of Works, which decided to put down roacmac pavement and asked for tenders. One man who could provide the chemicals would have saved the city \$4000.

He remembered that a few years ago, the underwriters at Winnipeg said the insurance in Brandon would go up 25 points and the merchants on Rosser Avenue took it to the council upon which a man was hired who knew as much about wiring as his elevator boy. Proper wiring was what was needed and when Mr. Skead

was secured, the work was done correctly. But before that occurred work was done on the City Hall that cost \$1600 and an expert had told him it could have been done for \$90. Then some months later when changes were made at the City Hall, \$600 was spent for more wiring. "I would never have had this expense, I am not criticizing the alderman, but the system is wrong."

Street Railway Matters

The Street Railway has a debt of \$140,000 and this is due to lack of administration—lack of business efficiency. He spoke strongly against the loop that runs through Pacific Avenue and the immense cost it had been and said that we have apparently got in such a state that \$34,000 or \$35,000 doesn't mean anything. He said, "I see by the Sun we don't want theorists with papers, not men who keep figures in their heads."

The cost of the Street Railway, amounting to \$410,000 was mentioned as having gone beyond the first co-putation of \$250,000 and disclosed some of the needless expense that was attached to this institution. The car barn, he claimed, had been built at a cost of \$31,000, and after it had been before the board of arbitration, that cost hundreds of dollars; doors had to be cut through the cement to get cars in. These, moreover, are single truck cars and if double trucks are used, some day, some forty thousand dollars will have to be spent for a new barn. Mr. Cater says he is only responsible for 75 per cent. of railroad construction.

He cited the enthusiasm of the city over the Dominion Fair in 1913 and what it would produce for the street railway, but the department built a spur on 13th Street at a cost of \$2400 and it cost \$500 to take it up. With labor and overhead expenses the cost was about \$5000 and there was exactly \$5086 in return. There was a lack of foresight he deduced, and a lack of facility to make a public utility a paying proposition. From 1912 to May, 1913, the street railway had cost \$30,000. From June 30th to Dec. 31st, 1913, under Mr. Cater and his \$4000 assistant, it had cost \$24,000. In the first period there had been built 6 3/4 miles; in the latter, 1.77 miles. In 1913 there were eight men used for cleaning tracks; two for greasing curves and now one man does it under Supt. Boden and Ald. Giddings.

As the head of one department, presenting these expenses, do you think Mr. Cater would be a good executive with five other departments asked Mr. Shewan.

Mr. Shewan said that "Mr. McDonald had been one of the best accountants the city had ever had and he had been advised of his financial ability in cities of the east where Mr. McDonald had transactions or the city. He has a clean record," said Mr. Shewan, "and it's time we had a Rosser Avenue man as mayor."

The Civic Survey

He was queried about the cost of the civic survey and assuming that it cost \$7,000 he asked mayor Hughes to verify it. Mr. Hughes denied the figures and when someone suggested \$10,000, Mr. Hughes said "those figures are all wrong," without deigning, however, to set anyone right. Mr. Shewan believed the money would be worthily spent if the method of the survey were given a chance, but under the present ward system he did not think it would be done. He was interested in the proposition of the system in the city hall of getting a dollar's worth of work for a dollar spent, and with the training that Mr. McDonald has had, he believed that he could enforce that system. He said Mr. McDonald was the man for the job and that in the past twelve months he had passed more legislation than was ever done by any finance committee before. There never was a time in the city of Brandon when we needed a level-headed, clear visioned optimist as at the present time. "We are safe, but sitting on thin ice," said Mr. Shewan, "and I know that with Ald. McDonald at the head credit can be secured at the Imperial bank." To which Mr. Doran asserted "a bank wouldn't lend \$100,000 to save your soul."

Mr. McKenzie denied that tenders had been asked about the roacmac paving and Mayor Hughes allowed that both speakers were right. Tenders had not been asked, but a price had been volunteered that was \$4000 less than the contract demanded.

What Cater Said

Mr. Cater's remarks were almost entirely a denial of Mr. Shewan's responsibility regarding them in view of the fact that at one time he was away in England and in the year of 1912 he was not on the council. His introductory remark was that

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it was rather surprising to him in view of Mr. Shewan's remarks about a one man commission that Mr. Shewan had not signed his nomination papers as he was the one and only man last year who advocated hiring a manager. He didn't know why Mr. Shewan couldn't support him this year as well as last. He repeated his former statement regarding ward politics and said it was the man not the methods that was effective. The reason for systems was because cliques or organizations put pets in council. Hundreds of cities in the United Kingdom that handle more money than Brandon are governed by mayors and aldermen. Mr. Cater claimed he has objected to the \$4000 street railway superintendent and he was absent from the city when the wiring at City Hall was done. He was not on the council when the Tenth Street track was laid. In reference to other street railway work he claimed that in the first year of operation there was more labor needed than in the second. He believed in 10 or 12 tickets on the street car for a quarter and in respect to his oath of office, he asked if Mr. Shewan was aware that he (Cater) had been requested to close his eyes when a "steal" of \$20,000 was to be made for the Gordon-McKay building. "Also," he said, "he had been visited by six delegations who wanted him to shut his eyes while a municipal act was broken." He said "I don't believe any living man values his oath of office more than I. I never violated my oath of office in my life." He gave an eulogy of Mayor Hughes for time and effort given to his office and said if he were elected he would endeavor to establish harmony and co-operation in the council and they would work together that way to solve problems. Team work was the only method that would do and he would try to have the confidence of city employees so that the best results could be secured.

CHINAMEN TO APPEAL

S. H. McKay, counsellor for a number of the Chinamen who were taken from an alleged gambling house on Princess avenue a month ago, has filed an appeal in Winnipeg against the verdict that was given at the police court. There were 27 Chinamen who were fined \$20 and costs when the matter came before Magistrate Bates after a raid on the Princess Avenue place and the alleged keeper of the place was more heavily taxed.

Mr. McKay appeared for several of the men at the police court and contended that there was no evidence that the house was conducted for gain or returns from cards.

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